

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1377

Introduced by Assembly Member Benoit

February 21, 2003

An act relating to school facilities, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1377, as introduced, Benoit. Class size reduction.

Existing law establishes the Class Size Reduction Program in which participating school districts are provided funding for reducing class size to a ratio of 20 pupils to 1 teacher in kindergarten and any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive. Under the program, school districts requesting funds for facilities are eligible to receive \$40,000 per new class that is needed to meet class size reduction.

Existing law, the Class Size Reduction Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 1998, provides for, among other things, the issuance of state general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,350,000,000 to be allocated beginning in the 1998–99 fiscal year for school district project funding related to the growth in enrollment of applicant school districts, prescribed reconstruction or modernization, and facilities-related costs for class size reduction. The bond act also allocates \$3,350,000,000 beginning in the 2000–01 fiscal year for similar purposes.

This bill would authorize the State Allocation Board to allocate up to an unspecified sum from the Class Size Reduction Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 1998 to provide school facility grants to eligible school districts participating in the Class Size Reduction Program for which less than \$40,000 in state

facilities funding per eligible class size reduction classroom has been provided, and for which applications were filed on or before July 1, 2001.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The State Allocation Board may allocate up to
2 ____ million dollars (\$____) from bond funds approved by the
3 voters pursuant to the Class Size Reduction
4 Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of
5 1998 (Part 68 (commencing with Section 100400) of the
6 Education Code) to provide school facility grants to eligible
7 school districts participating in the Class Size Reduction Program
8 contained in Chapter 6.10 (commencing with Section 52120) of
9 Part 28 of the Education Code and Chapter 19 (commencing with
10 Section 17200) of Part 10 of the Education Code as it existed on
11 November 3, 1998, for which less than forty thousand dollars
12 (\$40,000) in state facilities funding per eligible classroom has
13 been provided, and for which applications were filed on or before
14 July 1, 2001.

